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SUBJECT: INFORMAL MEETING 9/26/73 WITH C.P. FRANCISCO
VIZCAINO MURRAY, UNDER SECRETARY FOR ENVIRON-
MENTAL IMPROVEMENT, MEXICAN HEALTH MINISTRY

FROM EPA - FITZHUGH GREEN

1. AT REQUEST VIZCAINO MURRAY, FITZHUGH GREEN, ASSOCIATE
ADMINISTRATOR, EPA/ ANDRE SIMONPIETRI/SCICOUNS, AMEMBASSY,
MEXICO CITY, MET WITH HIM AND RESPECTIVE STAFFS TO DISCUSS
HIS PROPOSAL TO FORM BINATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE,
US/MEXICO BORDER.

2. AFTER PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION, AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

A. TO ESTABLISH JOINT WORKING GROUP(WG) TO DRAW
UP PLAN FOR CONTROL ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS OCCURRING
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FULL LENGTH OF BORDER.

B. PLAN WOULD INCLUDE CONSIDERATION SUCH ITEMS AS AIR POLLUTION, RIVER POLLUTION, SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL, TREATMENT MUNICIPAL SEWAGE, PESTICIDES, HERBICIDES, NEED FOR CONTINGENCY PLAN, OIL AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES.

C. JWG WOULD MEET AGAIN MEXICO CITY, WEEK OF NOV. 26, AT SPECIFIC INVITATION OF VIZCAINO MURRAY, REVIEW PLAN TO BE DRAFTED IN INTERIM.

3. US REPRESENTATION JWG TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AS FROM EPA REGIONS 6 AND 9, EPA WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS, IBWC AND DEPARTMENT OF STATE. INDIVIDUALS TO BE SELECTED AFTER CONTENTS OF PLAN FURTHER DEVELOPED.

4. EPA REGIONS 6 AND 9 SCHEDULED GIVE EPA WASHINGTON COMPOSITE THEIR IDEAS FOR CONTENT OF PLAN BY OCTOBER 15, WASHINGTON SUGGESTIONS TO BE DISPATCHED THEREAFTER TO AMEMBASSY, MEXICO, FOR EARLY EXPOSURE TO UNDER SECRETARIAT ON ENVIRONMENT IN HOPES PREPARE ADEQUATELY VETTED DOCUMENT FOR CONSIDERATION JWG NOVEMBER MEETING.

5. COMMENT: US REP GREEN ENDEAVORED LIMIT PLAN TO BE DISCUSSED TO AN AGENCY-TO-AGENCY BASIS VIZ. EPA/UNDER SECRETARIAT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT. GOM REP AGREED. NEVERTHELESS, VIZCAINO MURRAY PLAINLY REVEALED GOM DESIRE THAT PLAN HAVE BROAD SCOPE, MENTIONING E.G. MUTUALLY AGREED ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS ON US AND MEXICAN PRODUCTS TRADED. KISSINGER

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